GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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ONION INTERVENTION SCHEME 2000
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has been requesting the Union Government forsharing of 50% loss to onion growers under an `Onion Intervention Scheme 2000` in view of the nature of onion as a fast perishing commodity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether other onion growing States have also mooted similar schemes to help the onion growers;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(f) the assistance given under the Market Intervention Scheme since 2000 State-wise; and

(g) the amount of onion procured through such intervention, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): On the request of the Government of Maharashtra, the Ministry of Agricultureimplemented the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for onion from 20th January,2000 to 29th February, 2000.

(c): No, Sir.

(d)&(e): Does not arise.

(f)&(g): 65,000 MTs of onion was procured only in the State of Maharashtra in the year 2000 under MIS at a total loss of Rs.9.75 crores. The 50% of Central Govt. share of loss amounting to Rs.4.875 crores has been released to the State Government. There has been no procurement of onion under MIS in any State during 2001, 2002 and 2003.